GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1386
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TERRORIST OUTFIT IN VALLEY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Masood Azhar`s new outfit gaining foothold in valley` appearing in `The Hindustan Times` dated July 26, 2000;

(b) if so, the activities of new outfit noticed so far in the country; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the activities of Jaish-E-Mohammedi in the Kashmir Valley?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): Government is aware of the media reports in this regard.

(b): Since its creation in early February JEM has claimed responsibility for a number of terrorist actives including firing on security forces, launching of grenades and a suicidal bomb attack.

(c): Government is alive to the situation and have been adopting a multi-pronged strategy to check terrorism in J&K. This includes intelligence based operations to neutralise terrorists and their hide outs; regular sharing of intelligence inputs at various levels through close co-ordination; management of border to check infiltration/exfiltration ; night domination operations; setting up of Pickets at vulnerable places; formation of special Operation Groups; encouraging participation of villagers for taking up self defence; etc.